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Shrimp Fisheries Management

Inshore Shrimp License Buyback Program

Chronology of Shrimp Management

- Shrimp Conservation Act 1959
- Legislative Authority 1985
- TPWD Shrimp Mgmt. Plan 1989
- Rulemaking 1991, 1994, 2000
- Inshore License Mgmt. Plan 1995

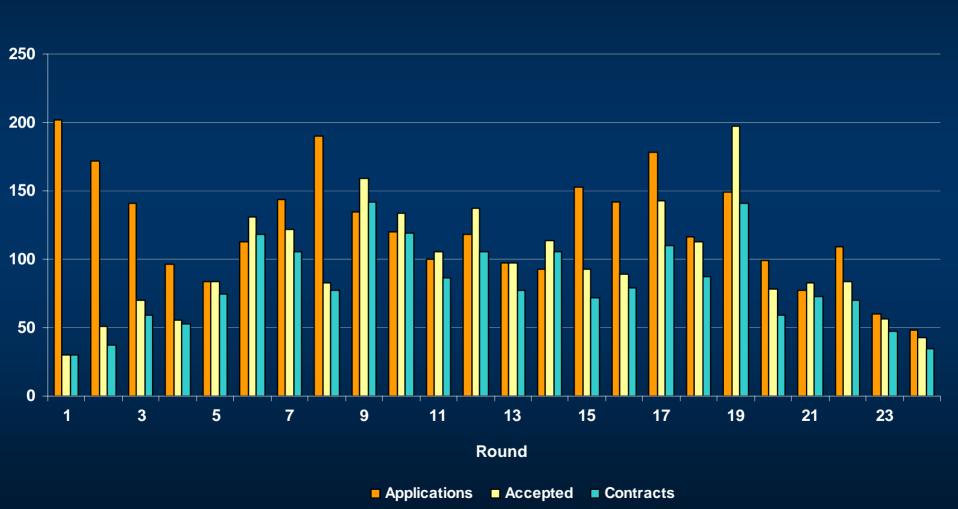
Limited Entry Programs-Short Term Goals

- Reduce effort by decreasing the number of commercial licenses sold
 - Attrition
 - Buybacks
- Minimize social and economic disruption

Limited Entry Programs-Long Term Goals

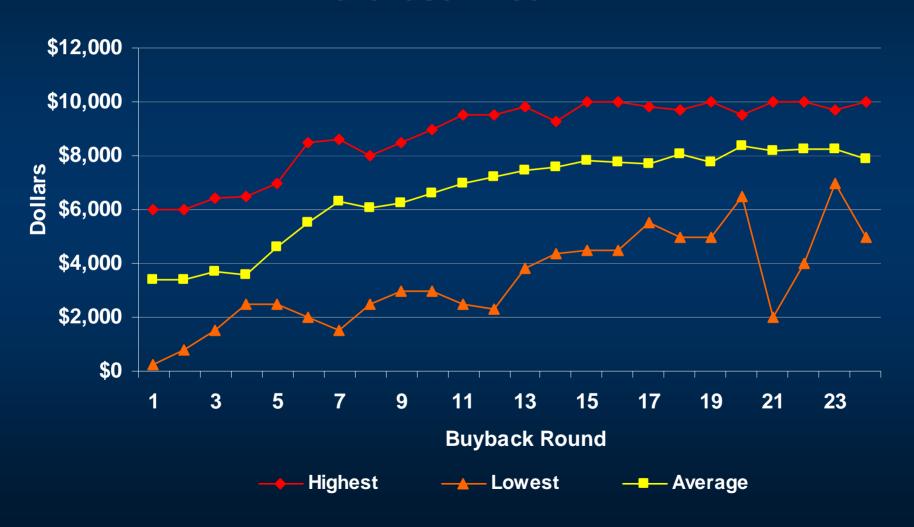
- Reduce Effort
- Stabilize the Fishery
- Increased Profits to Commercial Fishermen
- Long Term Resource Conservation

License Buyback Program



License Buyback Program

Purchase Price



Shrimp Buyback Status

- 24 rounds
- 1013 bay and 1000 bait
- 62% of licenses
- \$13.2 million spent



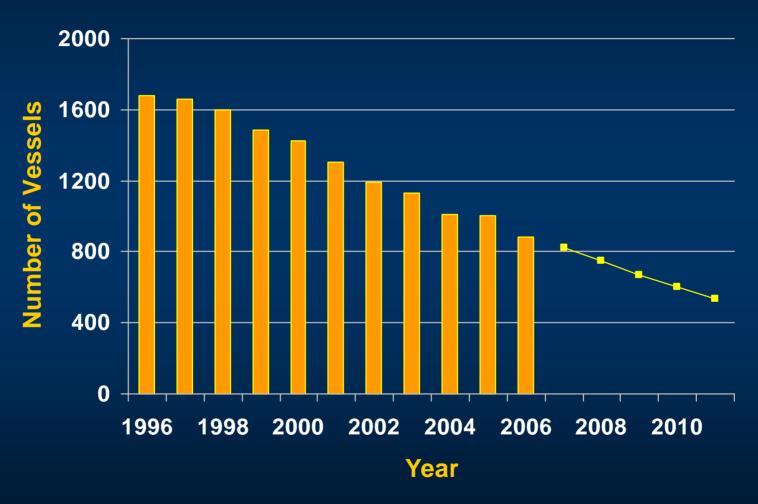
Shrimp License Status

- FY10 (Sept. 1, 2009)
- 425 bay and 401 bait
- ~ 474 vessels





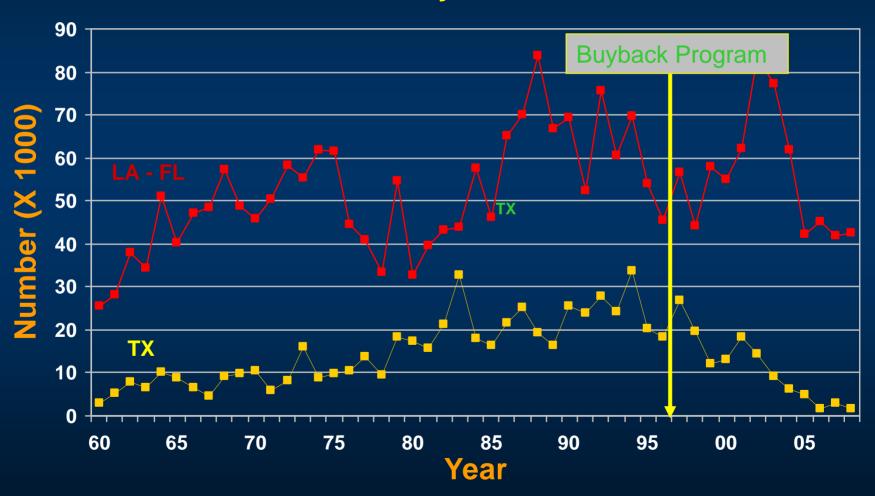
Shrimp Buyback Program Status



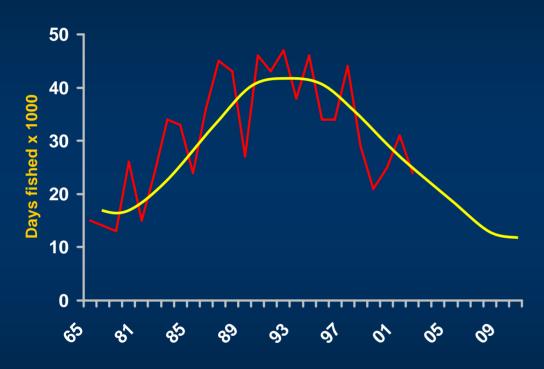
** FY 08-09 LAR Budget Projection

Commercial Shrimp Effort

Inshore Days Fished



Goals of Effort Reduction



Would This Indicate
Success?

Original Goal: 50% of Current - Licenses Approximate Effort of 70's

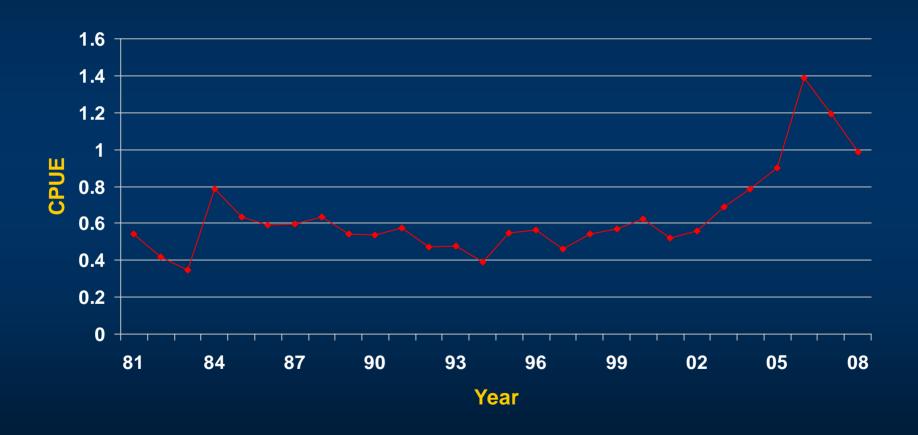
Because Of Increased Efficiencies We Will Likely Need More Reduction To Achieve That Goal

Brown Shrimp Catch Rate

TPWD Bay Trawls



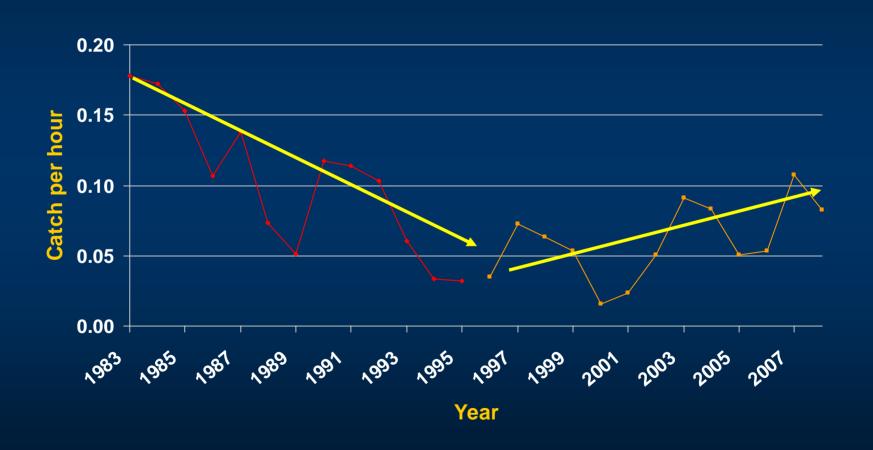
Commercial Shrimp Catch Rate



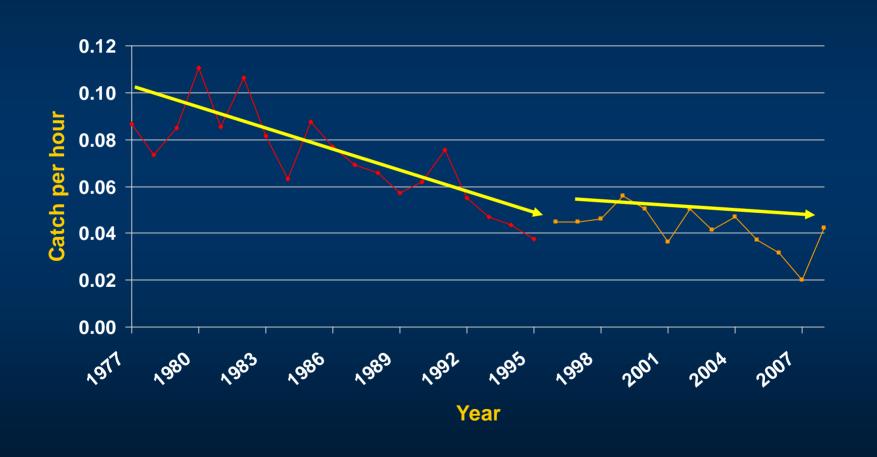
Atlantic Croaker Catch Rates TPWD Gill Nets



Blue Crab Catch Rates TPWD Gill Nets



Southern Flounder Catch Rates TPWD Gill Nets



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